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## ERRATA.

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- PAGE 10. Paid School Committee orders, for \$14,800.02 read \$14,800 20.
- PAGE 19. Aid to Mrs. Michael Dillon from Jerry Shea, for \$55 17 read \$65 17.  
Footings under "Overseers of Poor," for \$3,601.26 read \$3,898 26  
State Paupers, for \$535 16 read \$335.16.  
Last footing, for \$4,472.22 read \$4,769 22.  
Received from City of Fitchburg, for \$110 read \$111.  
At foot of page add, Received from Joseph Langlois, \$50.29.
- PAGE 20. First footing, for \$944.96 read 996 25.  
Last footing, for \$3,527.26 read \$3,772.97.
- PAGE 26. William Holbrook, attendance at court, Read case, for \$10.60 read \$10.
- PAGE 29. In "Summary," paid out for support of poor (net) for \$5,199.14 read  
\$5,270.16.  
Footings of Summary, for \$18,806.43 read \$18 877.45.
- PAGE 37. Last line, for \$4 read \$5.
- PAGE 38. Last line of "Contingencies," for \$2.86 read \$2 87.  
Second footing, for \$472.16 read \$472.18.



## TOWN WARRANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.  
HAMPDEN,

To GEORGE W. ELY, *Constable of the Town of Palmer*, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Palmer, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March current, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables the Town will elect for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee and other Town Officers.

ART. 4. To determine the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 7. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 10. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp room.

- ART. 12. To vote by ballot, which shall be yes or no, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
- ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a Board of Health.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.
- ART. 15. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.
- ART. 16. To choose committees and give them instructions.
- ART. 17. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools.
- ✓ ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 264 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, the same being an act to provide for precinct voting in towns.
- 110 — ART. 20. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the celebration of Memorial Day.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the fire department the amount of the certificates of service which have been issued to them by the board of engineers.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to pay the steamer company one hundred and fifty dollars, or any other sum, for services for the coming year.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will instruct the assessors to make a new valuation of the property of the town and have the valuation printed for general distribution.
- 110 — ART. 25. To see if the town will make an appropriation in addition to that made last year for putting the history of the town into manuscript, and authorize the town history committee to procure the same to be properly done.
- 110 — ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and entrust the same to the Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, according to the provisions of chapter 189 of the Acts of the year 1885.
- 110 — ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the Central street sewer in the Depot village from Park street to near the head of Central street.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a branch of the Central street sewer in the Depot village, along Pleasant street to near the Congregational church.



ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to drain Walnut street, near Converse avenue in the Depot village, and the yard about the school house in the Depot village.

1880 ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the street in the Depot village, which leads northerly from Pine street past the house of George Lyman.

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take regarding the following bridges: The one across the Ware river near house of Jeremiah Dutton; the one across the Quaboag river at Blanchardville; and the two bridges across the Quaboag river near the house formerly occupied by M. C. Fenton, the last three being the same which were washed away by the late freshet.

ART. 32. To see if the town will accept and allow a road as laid out by the Selectmen in the Depot village and described as follows: Beginning on the easterly side of Park street, near the intersection of the carpet mill road, and in line of C. E. Dewey's land; thence running in line of said Dewey's land N. 35, E. 14 rods and 12 feet to a point 46 feet south-easterly from a stake and stones at the southwest corner of S. A. Blodgett's land. The proposed street is on the westerly side of the line described, and is 50 feet wide at Park street, narrowing to 46 feet at Blodgett's corner.

ART. 33. To see if the town will accept and allow a road as laid out by the Selectmen in the Depot village and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly side of School street and extending said street, easterly in the same course 8 rods to a stake and stones; thence S.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , E.  $24\frac{1}{2}$  rods to the northwest corner of land of William Rhodes. The above described street is on the southerly and westerly side of the described, and is 50 feet wide.

ART. 34. To see what action the town will take toward fencing the cemetery at Palmer Center.

ART. 35. To see if the town will allow individuals to empty their water closets and sink drains into the sewers of the town, and if so, fix the charges therefor.

ART. 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate an additional sum not exceeding one thousand dollars for the erection of the new high school building.

The polls will be open at 10 o'clock a. m., and close at 2 o'clock p. m. The names of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot. Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the PALMER JOURNAL, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighth day of March, A. D., 1888.

H. E. W. CLARK, } *Selectmen*  
DANIEL F. HOLDEN, } *of*  
JOSEPH KERIGAN, } *Palmer.*

A copy. Attest:

GEORGE W. ELY, *Constable.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1887.

For Support of poor, . . .	\$ 5,000.00
Contingencies, . . .	2,500.00
Highways, . . .	4,000.00
Bridges, . . .	1,500.00
Culverts and sewers, . . .	250.00
Railings, . . .	300.00
Historical committee, . . .	500.00
Library association, . . .	600.00
Soldiers and sailors' families, . . .	300.00
Soldiers' monument or memorial, . . .	5,000.00
Memorial day, . . .	100.00
Suppressing sale of intoxicating liquor, . . .	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$21,050.00
School teachers' salaries, . . .	\$10,500.00
School committee salaries, . . .	600.00
School contingencies, . . .	700.00
Repairs of school houses, . . .	1,000.00
Care of school houses, . . .	600.00
Fuel for school houses, . . .	800.00
Text-books and supplies, . . .	800.00
Transportation of scholars, . . .	600.00
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	\$36,650.00
County tax, . . .	3,008.60
State Tax, . . .	3,240.00
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	\$42,898.60

Overlay on tax, . . . .	\$157.33
Non-resident bank tax, . . . .	2,208.36

Amount on Collector's book, \$45,264.29

VALUATION, 1887.

Personal estate, . . . .	\$ 788,517.00	
Resident bank stock, . . . .	56,600.00	
		\$845,117.00
Real estate, buildings, . . . .	\$1,316,645.00	
Real estate, land, . . . .	449,042.00	
		\$1,765,687.00

Number polls, Male, 1,423. Tax,	\$2,610,804.00
Number polls, Female, 7. Tax,	\$2.00
Rate per \$1,000, . . . .	.50
	\$15.40

DAVID KNOX,  
T. D. POTTER,  
JEREMIAH DUTTON, } *Assessors of Palmer.*

PALMER, July 14, 1887.

GEO. W. ELY, *Collector, in account with the town of Palmer :*

Balance due the Town, March 8, 1887, . . . .	\$2,689.83
Cash paid to treasurer, . . . .	\$1,756.95
Abatements, 1886, taxes, . . . .	400.25
	\$2,157.20

Balance due the town, \$532.63  
GEO. W. ELY, *Collector, 1887.*

GEO. W. ELY, *Collector, in account with the town of Palmer :*

Amount committed to Collector tax book, 1887, . . . .	\$45,264.29
Cash paid Treasurer, . . . .	\$39,201.46
Discount allowed, Sept. 1, 1887. . . .	2,382.54
	\$41,584.00

Balance due the town, \$3,680.29  
GEO. W. ELY, *Collector, 1887.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 7TH, 1888.

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Balance in the Treasury, March 7th, 1887, . . .	\$1,842.51
Received of Palmer Savings Bank, (borrowed), . .	7,300.00
Received of State Treasurer for support of State paupers, . . .	180.47
Received of State Treasurer for Temporary support of State paupers, . . . . .	8.03
Received of State Treasurer for Transportation State paupers, . . . . .	2.25
Received of State Treasurer for Burial of State paupers, . . .	20.00
Received of State Treasurer for Special appropriation, . . .	114.12
Received of State Treasurer for Cattle award, . . .	57.06
Received of State Treasurer for Corporation tax, . . .	1441.79
Received of State Treasurer for National Bank tax, . . .	307.54
Received of State Treasurer for State and Military aid, . . .	310.00
Received of State Treasurer for Income Mass. school fund, . . . . .	228.82
Received of County Treasurer, for Lock-up fees, . . .	27.60
Dog fund, . . . . .	432.79
Income Merrick fund, . . . . .	34.34
Income Thompson fund, . . . . .	38.42
City of Fitchburg, . . . . .	111.00
City of Holyoke, . . . . .	103.00
City of Lowell, . . . . .	170.67
Town of Millbury, . . . . .	10.00
Town of Granby, . . . . .	18.00
Town of Westminster, . . . . .	197.04
Town of Warren, . . . . .	50.95

Received of Town of Ashby, . . . .	\$20.00
Town of Leoninster, . . . .	44.25
Town of Montague, . . . .	1.30
Town of Westfield, . . . .	5.00
Town of Ludlow, . . . .	4.00
Town of Brimfield, . . . .	11.69
Town of Monson, . . . .	129.18
Auctioneer's license, . . . .	4.00
Billiard licenses, . . . .	9.00
Liquor licenses, . . . .	3.00
Sewer licenses, . . . .	50.00
Jos. Langlois, for aid rendered his wife, . .	50.29
H. C. Smith, rent, . . . .	20.00
Wm. Miller, rent, . . . .	20.00
Dr. Smith, cash received for tuition, . .	7.00
Continental Insurance Co., . . . .	15.00
Jerry Shea, for old boards, . . . .	1.00
G. W. Ely, taxes, 1886, . . . .	1,756.95
G. W. Ely, taxes, 1887, . . . .	39,201.46
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	\$54,359.52

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Palmer Savings Bank, (borrowed), . . .	\$5,500.00
Palmer Savings Bank, interest, . . . .	330.47
State Treasurer, State tax, . . . .	3,240.00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax, . . . .	2,055.06
State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ amount received for liquor licenses, . . . .	.75
County Treasurer, County tax, . . . .	3,008.60
State and Military Aid, . . . .	549.00
Deposited in Palmer Savings Bank for Soldiers' monu- ment fund, . . . .	5,000.00
Four outstanding Selectmen's orders, . . . .	13.12
Three outstanding school committee's orders, . .	25.00
Selectmen's orders, . . . .	19,804.60
School committee's orders, . . . .	14,800.02
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	\$54,326.80

Total receipts, . . . . .	\$54,359.52
Total expenditures, . . . . .	54,326.80
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Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$32.72

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHAW, *Treasurer*.

The Soldiers' Memorial Fund on deposit in the Palmer Savings Bank now amounts to \$10,695.71.



# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR ON POOR FARM.

The Overseers respectfully report the condition of the Town Farm as being good. The running expenses have been large, owing to surgical treatment and care of John O'Neil.

An Ice House has been built and filled. The Poor House is full at present, and to accommodate more additions will have to be made.

### Appropriation, \$5000.

Albert Sturtevant, sawing lumber, . . . . .	\$14.47
Joseph Thompson estate, goods, . . . . .	5.63
J. B. Shaw, goods, . . . . .	180.63
Geo. A. King, painting, . . . . .	44.67
J. F. Holbrook, coal, . . . . .	.77
Susie E. Powers, services, . . . . .	10.00
P. S. Trumbell, blacksmithing and repairing, etc., . . . . .	28.50
C. S. Smith, 2 cows, . . . . .	45.00
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods, . . . . .	66.33
J. D. Sawyer, soap, . . . . .	9.00
Loomis Bros., coffin and robe, Mrs. Orcutt, . . . . .	15.00
Loomis Bros., coffin and robe, Martin Burns, . . . . .	16.50
H. G. Loomis, furniture, . . . . .	26.00
C. L. Saunders, repairing harnesses, etc., . . . . .	7.50
C. A. Brown & Co., hardware, etc., . . . . .	72.79
Fosket & Holbrook, grain and flour, . . . . .	201.84
G. C. Ellis, goods, . . . . .	4.75
A. M. Bond, furniture, . . . . .	9.25
H. E. W. Clark, expense to Belchertown, . . . . .	2.50
A. E. Park, goods, . . . . .	46.27



Ed. Goodes, shoes and repairs, . . . .	\$14.90
Daniel Riley, nursing John O'Neil, . . . .	127.50
Dr. Geo. H. Felton, attendance on John O'Neil, . . . .	3.00
Dr. Wm. E. Holbrook, surgical attendance, John O'Neil, . . . .	160.00
R. L. Bond, ice, . . . .	6.34
H. W. Stimpson, hog service, . . . .	1.00
Rufus Bacon, labor, . . . .	5.00
M. J. Moriarty, blacksmithing, etc., . . . .	7.45
Jerry Shea, coal, . . . .	12.35
F. F. Marcy, lumber, . . . .	4.33
James Healey, transporting paupers, . . . .	3.00
Walter Winter, blacksmithing, . . . .	8.80
A. P. Adams, drugs and medicine, . . . .	5.52
S. M. Randolph, rope, saw and fork, . . . .	11.00
H. T. Bishop, goods, . . . .	4.26
C. L. Holden, goods, . . . .	41.79
Joseph Baker, blacksmithing, . . . .	2.50
O. P. Allen, drugs and medicine, . . . .	17.55
D. F. Holden, blacksmithing, . . . .	1.63
LeGro and Lynde, drugs and medicines, . . . .	1.45
Clark & Hastings, provisions, . . . .	95.79
John Barber, wagon repairs, . . . .	4.57
H. S. Randolph, services, . . . .	93.75
Mrs. S. M. Randolph, matron, . . . .	196.00
A. A. Powers, salary, . . . .	36.00
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	\$1,672.88

## INVENTORY AT TOWN FARM.

March 1st, 1888, . . . .	\$1,970.87
March 1st, 1887, . . . .	1,795.18
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	175.69

Whole number of tramps at tramp room for the year from March 1, 1886, to March 1st, 1888, 348.

## POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

For support of Bridget Hayes of Lowell.

Timothy Hayes, . . . .	\$13.00
D. B. Sullivan. . . .	96.14
Medical attendance by Dr. Davis, . . . .	3.00



## STATE PAUPERS.

For care of Geo. Anderson.

Daniel Grady, . . . . . \$50.00

Mary Finnerty, . . . . . 30.90

Aid to James Healy at Bondsville.

Jerry Shea, . . . . . 2.00

Maurice Moriarty, . . . . . 5.00

Aid to Jos. Mayott.

Dr. M. H. Davis, . . . . . 10.00

G. Dalrymple, . . . . . 20.00

Trudeau &amp; Rivers, . . . . . 3.00

Aid to Edward Coto.

Dr. W. H. Stowe, . . . . . 10.50

Clark &amp; Hastings, . . . . . 10.50

J. J. Moyuham, coffin, . . . . . 10.00

Aid to Zolva Williams.

G. C. Ellis, . . . . . 11.00

H. G. Loomis, . . . . . 15.00

Dr. Davis, . . . . . 4.50

Aid to Margaret Carroll.

Jerry Shea, . . . . . 8.00

D. F. Holden, paid expenses to Boston, . . . . . 4.03

Aid to Zeb. Wemut.

Shaw Bros., . . . . . 8.00

Dr. M. H. Davis, . . . . . 7.00

Aid to Jos. Bovais,

R. Camerlin, . . . . . 4.00

A. L. Haynes, . . . . . 4.00

Aid to Susie Lee.

J. F. Holbrook, . . . . . 8.25

S. H. Hellyar &amp; Co., . . . . . 3.00

G. C. Ellis, . . . . . 10.00

LeGro &amp; Lynde, . . . . . 4.30

Aid to Octave Talbut.

H. T. Hishop, . . . . . 3.00

John A. Wright, . . . . . 4.00

Clark &amp; Hastings, . . . . . 3.00

Aid to Mary Finky.					
Loomis Bros., coffin,	.	.	.	.	\$12.00
Aid to Goodreau child.					
Loomis Bros., coffin,	.	.	.	.	6.50
Aid to Mrs. C. Moran.					
J. J. Moynahan, coffin,	.	.	.	.	10.00
Aid to Adeline Young.					
J. J. Moynahan, coffin,	.	.	.	.	10.00
Aid to Edward Butler.					
James Tobin, care and board,	.	.	.	.	17.28
Aid to Duffy, wife and child.					
D. F. Holden, cash,	.	.	.	.	.50
Aid to Mrs. Sullivan.					
D. F. Holden,	.	.	.	.	2.40
Aid to Henry Ryan.					
Joseph Kerigan to Tewksbury,	.	.	.	.	10.50
Aid to Mrs. E. Cardinal.					
Dr. Davis, professional services,	.	.	.	.	10.00
Aid to Harmina Shequin,					
H. T. Bishop,	.	.	.	.	3.00
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					\$335.16

## SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON TOWN FARM.

Aid to Ellen Watts, from J. F. Holbrook,	.	.	.	3.85
“ “ “ “ A. E. Park,	.	.	.	12.00
“ “ “ “ Joseph Kerigan,	.	.	.	11.00
Aid to Margaret Finnerty from J. F. Holbrook,	.	.	.	8.06
“ “ “ “ Joseph Kerigan,	.	.	.	9.00
Aid to Mary Dwyer at Northampton Lunatic Hospital,				179.96
Johannah Daily	“	“	“	171.13
Harriet Gerald	“	“	“	187.76
James Sullivan	“	“	“	202.00
Daniel O'Leary	“	“	“	112.13
Maria Langlois	“	“	“	71.97
Abbie A. Lynes	“	“	“	190.41
J. A. Palmer taking man to Town Farm,	.	.	.	2.00
Aid to Francis Wellman, from city of Springfield,	.	.	.	2.14
Timothy Cronin,	“	“	“	14.73
Hale Child,	“	“	“	2.40
Grace B. Thompson,	“	“	“	24.61

Aid to C. H. Hill, burial expenses, H. G. Loomis, .	\$15.50
Aid to W. J. Hills from G. A. Bills, . . .	2.00
Aid to Phebe Plaice, Town of Southbridge, . .	18.00
Aid to Bridget Bresnahan from Matilda Rose, . .	6.84
Professional services for 1885, Dr. Holbrook, . .	50.00
Aid to James Mannix, from Town of Winchester, .	86.00
Mary McCarty and family, from Town of Chicopee,	96.00
Patrick Owens, from City of Boston, . . .	2.00
Tuffield Goky's family, from Town of Warren, .	105.98
Victoria Sharon, from town of Warren, . . .	18.64
J. B. Chabot's family, from town of Warren, .	84.11
Daniel Connor, from C. L. Holden, . . .	2.80
Mrs. A. Hebert, from C. L. Holden, . . .	96.94
Cash paid for benefit of poor, D. F. Holden, . .	3.76
" " " looking up settlements, Jos. Kerigan, .	35.00
" " " looking up Elsby's settlement, Jos. Ker-	
igan, . . . . .	6.50
Support of Albert Bacon's grandchild by Town of	
Pelham, . . . . .	104.00
Aid to Cornelius Vanall, from Town of Monson, .	39.52
" " " professional services by Dr. Ful-	
ler, . . . . .	78.00
Aid to Mrs. Jos. Mayott by Town of Chicopee, .	40.50
" " " " G. A. Dalrymple, . . .	15.00
" " " " Trudeau & Rivers, . . .	6.00
Aid to Russell Robbins for Wade Children,	
From Trudeau & Rivers, . . . . .	43.00
From John A. Wright, . . . . .	10.00
Aid to Margaret Ryan from A. L. Haynes, . . .	14.00
" " " " E. M. Butterfield & Co., .	20.00
" " " " P. P. Potter, . . . . .	6.00
Aid to William Mason, from J. F. Holbrook, . .	8.87
" " " " J. B. Shaw, . . . . .	2.00
" " " " G. A. Bills, . . . . .	8.00
" " " " G. C. Ellis, . . . . .	4.00
Aid to Wm. Mason for care of Sam Mason while sick.	
From Fosket & Holbrook, . . . . .	1.20
From LeGro & Lynde, . . . . .	5.55
From G. C. Ellis, . . . . .	7.85

Aid to Susan Gaffney from Fosket & Holbrook,	\$6.00
“ “ “ “ J. F. Holbrook,	17.75
“ “ “ “ J. B. Shaw,	18.00
“ “ “ “ G. A. Bills,	2.00
Aid to Ellen Dwyer from G. C. Ellis,	32.00
“ “ “ “ J. F. Holbrook,	7.01
Aid to Lizzie Cross at Industrial School,	11.43
Aid to Adolphise Herbert family.	
From Chas. L. Holden,	4.77
Coffin, from J. J. Moynahan,	10.00
Aid to Frank Mayott from Town of Chicopee,	31.75
Aid to J. B. Foster for Goodreau Children.	
From O. A. Parent,	40.00
From Clark & Hastings,	40.00
Aid to C. F. Grout, from Joseph Langlois,	4.00
“ “ Trudeau & Rivers,	4.00
“ “ A. L. Haynes,	2.38
“ “ Loomis Bros.,	9.50
Aid to Mary J. Whelan, from A. L. Haynes,	12.00
“ “ J. B. Shaw,	10.00
Aid to Eleanor Thompson, from Chapin Warner,	30.85
James Sheehan, from G. C. Ellis,	47.80
“ “ “ G. A. Bills,	12.00
“ “ “ O. D. Wells,	12.50
Aid to Ellen Hurlihee, from E. B. Murdock estate,	16.09
“ “ “ C. L. Holden,	22.90
Aid to Eugene Carmeline, from H. T. Bishop,	6.00
“ “ “ Town of Warren,	93.75
Aid to J. McGrath, for Mannix children.	
H. T. Bishop,	36.00
Clark & Hastings,	28.00
E. G. Murdock,	8.00
Aid to Ellen Cronin, from City of Holyoke,	12.00
“ “ “ H. T. Bishop,	6.00
Aid to Mrs. D. Flemming, from H. T. Bishop,	18.50
“ “ “ Clark & Hastings,	3.00
“ “ “ E. G. Murdock,	15.00
Aid to Agnes Kane, from H. T. Bishop,	19.00
Mary Callahan, from Perkins Institute,	13.82



Aid to Frank Cooley, from City of Worcester, . . . . .	\$52.85
Patrick Owen and James A. Jackson, from City of Worcester, . . . . .	5.10
Aid to Mary O'Connor from Jerry Shea, . . . . .	36.00
Aid to Ellen Sullivan from Jerry Shea, . . . . .	12.00
Ellen Sullivan, coffin from Moynahan, . . . . .	12.00
Aid to Mary Shean from Jerry Shea, . . . . .	36.00
Mary O'Brien from Thos. Dunlany, . . . . .	4.00
" " " Jerry Shea, . . . . .	36.00
Kate Fenton, . . . . .	36.00
Mrs. Michael Dillon, coffin from Patrick Sullivan, . . . . .	10.00
Aid to Mrs. Michael Dillon from Jerry Shea, . . . . .	55.17
Edward Shean from Jerry Shea, . . . . .	12.00
James and Mary Murphy from Maurice Moriarty, . . . . .	78.00
Mrs. A. Everett from Maurice Moriarty, . . . . .	76.33
Professional services of Dr. M. H. Davis for Town poor, 1866 and 1887, . . . . .	45.00
to January 1, 1888, . . . . .	37.50
James Sheehan, elasting stocking, . . . . .	3.75
Mrs. Huntington, . . . . .	3.00

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

H. E. W. Clark, services, . . . . .	\$150.00
D. F. Holden, . . . . .	135.00
Joseph Kerigan, . . . . .	140.00
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	\$3,601.26
Poor belonging to other towns, . . . . .	535.80
State paupers, . . . . .	535.16
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	\$4,472.22
Received from the State, . . . . .	\$210.75
City of Fitchburg, . . . . .	110.00
City of Holyoke, . . . . .	103.00
City of Lowell, . . . . .	170.67
Town of Millbury, . . . . .	10.00
Town of Granby, . . . . .	18.00
Town of Westminster, . . . . .	197.04
Town of Warren, . . . . .	50.95

Received from the	Town of Ashby,	.	.	\$20.00	
	Town of Leominster,	.	.	44.25	
	Town of Montague,	.	.	1.30	
	Town of Westfield,	.	.	5.00	
	Town of Ludlow,	.	.	4.00	\$944.96

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\$3,527.26

H. E. W. CLARK,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>
D. F. HOLDEN,		
JOSEPH KERIGAN,		



# Report of Selectmen.

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In presenting this Report for the year ending March 1st, 1888, we have endeavored to make it compact and plain.

The expenditures have been above the appropriations, owing to unavoidable calls caused by snow and floods, also new roads, and expense of the Reed case, as well as from needs of a growing population, necessitating larger outlays.

## HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, \$4,000.

Samuel Brown, work on Highways,	.	.	.	\$409.00
J. F. Twiss, " " "	.	.	.	465.30
Edward McKelligott,	.	.	.	38.75
W. M. Green,	.	.	.	40.25
J. F. Holbrook,	.	.	.	122.88
Jerry Shea,	.	.	.	475.72
Adrian Miller,	.	.	.	88.25
J. D. Sawyer,	.	.	.	408.00
Geo. A. Smith,	.	.	.	62.00
John F. Kerigan,	.	.	.	140.50
Calvin Blodgett,	.	.	.	126.70
M. A. Sherman,	.	.	.	68.25
E. M. Bartlett,	.	.	.	126.75
W. H. Olney,	.	.	.	51.00
J. S. Loomis, freight on Road Scraper,	.	.	.	7.35
J. S. Loomis, paid laborers,	.	.	.	151.75
J. S. Loomis, labor,	.	.	.	258.35

J. S. Loomis, services as Superintendent,	.	.	\$446.00
A. L. Haynes,	.	.	22.80
Cheney Allen,	.	.	1.25
Bryan O'Rourke,	.	.	2.00
Henry Thayer,	.	.	2.00
Thomas Moran,	.	.	7.50
J. R. Wellman,	.	.	1.50
D. F. Holden,	.	.	2.50
E. F. Nichols,	.	.	.40
S. Leach,	.	.	14.00
Michael Wood,	.	.	15.75
Patrick Burns,	.	.	8.25
Edward McKelligott, Jr.,	.	.	8.25
Patrick J. Kinnevan,	.	.	30.00
Brooks Bros., tools for highway,	.	.	7.63
Betts Fencing Co., fencing,	.	.	16.29
W. H. Brainard,	.	.	45.75
S. Ruggles,	.	.	3.00
P. M. Shearer,	.	.	3.25
Anthony Allen,	.	.	3.00
C. A. Brown & Co., tools,	.	.	15.49
J. H. Woolrich,	.	.	15.70
Fred Calkins,	.	.	7.50
Geo. H. Calkins,	.	.	12.50
Russell Jenks,	.	.	1.00
M. W. French, cutting brush,	.	.	3.00
Michael Slatery,	.	.	15.75
H. W. Stimson,	.	.	3.50
Joseph King,	.	.	7.00
J. W. Weeks,	.	.	3.50
Wm. Nelson, gravel,	.	.	10.00
P. P. Potter, grate,	.	.	6.00
B. F. Emory,	.	.	1.95
G. J. Green,	.	.	3.75
Barney Oates,	.	.	3.75

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\$3,792.31

## BRIDGES.

F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Three Rivers bridge,	\$729.28
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Dutton bridge,	22.27
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Thorndike bridge,	183.83
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Hastings bridge,	9.79
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Sawyer bridge,	24.75
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Loring sluice,	37.06
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Goddard bridge,	120.98
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Thorndike bridge,	15.36
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on Blanchard bridge,	74.88
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber on West Brimfield iron bridge,	4.67
Adrian Miller, West Brimfield iron bridge,	11.10
F. F. Marcy, Goddard dry bridge,	9.52
F. F. Marcy, Hancock bridge,	29.22
F. F. Marcy, Whipple's bridge,	253.56
F. F. Marcy, King bridge,	1.84
F. F. Marcy, Fenton bridge,	3.14
F. F. Marcy, Cooley small bridge,	25.54
F. F. Marcy, Wellman bridge,	7.10
F. F. Marcy, Keith bridge,	13.13
E. M. Bartlett, labor and lumber,	6.50
J. S. Loomis, lighting Fay bridge, and labor,	5.00
J. S. Loomis, looking after bridges,	8.00
W. E. Hancock, labor on bridge,	5.00
T. D. Potter & Co., Duckville bridges, one-half Belchertown,	27.14
J. S. Loomis, repairing bridges,	26.50

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 \$1,655.16

## SEWERS.

## Appropriation, \$250.

M. J. Dillon,	\$10.23
Jerry Shea,	87.68
Hitchcock & Blanchard,	73.12
F. F. Marcy,	21.32
Samuel Brown,	3.50
C. A. Brown & Co.,	16.85
N. E. Coleman,	15.00

Calvin Blodgett,	.	.	.	.	.	\$5.00
Abel Calkins,	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
Russell Jenks,	.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Leonard Aldrich,	.	.	.	.	.	6.75

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\$248.45

### CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation, \$2,500.

Elisha Chase, registrar of voters,	.	.	.	.	\$15.00
O. C. Marcy, team for town purposes,	.	.	.	.	14.50
G. C. Buell, auditor,	.	.	.	.	10.00
J. A. Palmer, prosecuting agent, 1886,	.	.	.	.	201.00
H. J. Dill, lumber, repairs and cleaning Town House,	.	.	.	.	18.03
H. J. Dill, burying dog per order Board of Health,	.	.	.	.	.75
C. B. Fisk & Co., town printing, reports, etc.,	.	.	.	.	198.87
M. C. Mowry, care of lock-up and overseeing tramps,	.	.	.	.	143.49
Geo. A. Smith, damage to sheep,	.	.	.	.	2.00
J. B. Woodard, painting and varnishing two hearses,	.	.	.	.	55.00
Jerry Downie, labor on watering tub,	.	.	.	.	5.00
Dr. E. Serois, returning 26 births for 1886,	.	.	.	.	6.25
Dr. E. Serois, returning 59 births for 1887,	.	.	.	.	14.75
Geo. O. Henry, lead bars for fire engine,	.	.	.	.	9.00
F. F. Marcy, labor and lumber at engine house,	.	.	.	.	4.70
S. S. Taft, insurance, engine house,	.	.	.	.	18.75
Mrs. E. N. Fay, lighting and care of bridge,	.	.	.	.	5.00
F. F. Marcy, labor and material at Fenton water trough,	.	.	.	.	11.26
T. D. Potter, services as assessor,	.	.	.	.	150.00
David Knox, " " " "	.	.	.	.	150.00
Jerry Dutton, " " " "	.	.	.	.	150.00
David Knox, books and stationery for assessors,	.	.	.	.	8.75
G. C. Ellis, crackers, etc., for lock-up,	.	.	.	.	20.40
A. M. Bond, labor and stock on water trough,	.	.	.	.	9.45
D. F. Holden, stamps and stationery, etc.,	.	.	.	.	8.65
D. F. Holden, car fare for Ada Burnham,	.	.	.	.	1.30
Charles Murdock, inspecting guide-boards,	.	.	.	.	3.00
Samuel Brown, supporting water tub, 1887,	.	.	.	.	5.00
Chas. F. Plaice, supporting water tub, 1887,	.	.	.	.	5.00
W. E. Hancock, supporting water tub, 1885,	.	.	.	.	5.00
W. E. Hancock, supporting water tub, 1887,	.	.	.	.	5.00

J. D. Sawyer, water rent for cemetery,	\$3.00
Hanora Gerald, water lease,	5.00
C. A. Brown & Co., labor on water tank, Palmer,	5.41
Joseph Baker, repairs on water tub, Three Rivers,	12.85
Fred Rivers, loss of hogs—"Cholera,"	15.00
H. C. Strong, loss of hogs—"Cholera,"	43.50
F. C. Hatch, damage to wagon,	5.00
George B. Kenerson, wrench, and labor for fire engine,	3.00
Dr. William Holbrook, returning 30 births, 1886-7,	7.50
Dr. H. A. Smith, returning 22 births, 1887,	5.50
Dr. S. Ruggles, returning 14 births, 1886-7,	3.50
Dr. G. H. Wilkins, returning 21 births, 1887,	5.25
Dr. W. H. Stowe, returning 39 births, 1887,	9.75
Dr. M. H. Davis, returning 22 births, 1887,	5.50
Dr. J. J. Flynn, returning 5 births, 1886,	1.25
J. B. Shaw, recording 64 marriages,	9.60
J. B. Shaw, recording 192 births,	96.00
J. B. Shaw, recording 102 deaths,	25.00
J. B. Shaw, services as Treasurer,	50.00
J. B. Shaw, services as Registrar of Voters,	15.00
J. B. Shaw, cash paid for express,	5.00
J. B. Shaw, blankets for lockup,	5.25
G. H. Waldron, road scraper,	250.00
G. H. Waldron, repairs on road scraper,	2.40
Joseph Genord, damage on highway,	6.65
Winkley, Dresser & Co., ledger for Town,	3.00
E. Howard, Watch & Clock Co., weights,	2.00
Geo. Mooers, teams for Town use,	22.90
John Hanafin, repairs on scraper,	2.00
J. O. Hamilton, registrar of voters,	15.00
John Feeney, registrar of voters, 1886 and 1887,	30.00
A. L. Haynes, opening graves and returning deaths,	29.25
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of lockup and tramp room,	180.00
Brooks Bros., hammer handles for tramps use,	1.35
J. J. Moynahan, returning 55 deaths,	13.75
C. B. Fisk & Co., printing notices and advertisements,	3.00
J. J. Flynn, services on board of health,	20.25
David Knox, care of and running hearse,	252.00
David Knox, returning 21 deaths,	5.25

David Knox, opening 23 graves, . . .	\$46.00
David Knox, support of water trough, . . .	5.00
C. L. Gardner, damages and cost on Reed case, . . .	276.50
C. L. Gardner, amount paid witnesses, . . .	39.80
S. S. Taft, legal services in Reed case. . . . .	75.00
Wm. Holbrook, attendance at court, Reed case, . . .	10.60
J. H. Haynes, pails, etc., for lockup, . . . . .	8.40
H. E. W. Clark, postage and stationery, . . . . .	11.00
H. E. W. Clark, services as Selectman, . . . . .	125.00
D. F. Holden, services as Selectman, . . . . .	125.00
Joseph Kerigan, services as Selectman, . . . . .	125.00

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\$3,277.26

#### RAILINGS.

##### Appropriation, \$300.

Horace Smith, . . . . .	\$62.00
W. H. Brainard, . . . . .	2.50
P. M. Shearer, . . . . .	8.00
Geo. Smith, . . . . .	34.00
Justus Hitchcock, . . . . .	3.00
Adran Miller, . . . . .	25.00
Abel B. Calkins, . . . . .	8.00
Samuel Brown, . . . . .	8.00
T. D. Potter & Co., . . . . .	43.00
Joseph Kerigan, . . . . .	25.75
J. H. Keith, . . . . .	3.50
Fred Lamerine, . . . . .	12.50

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\$235.25

#### NEW ROADS.

##### No Appropriation.

Catherine Dwyer, land damage, . . . . .	\$75.00
Jerry Hanafin, . . . . .	45.00
Bridget Dwyer, . . . . .	66.86
Russell Jenks, grading new road, . . . . .	132.50

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\$319.36

#### GRADING ROAD AT THREE RIVERS.

##### Appropriation, \$125.

Russell Jenks, contract, . . . . .	\$125.00
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## BREAKING OUT ROADS.

## No Appropriation.

J. D. Sawyer & Co.,	.	.	.	.	.	\$22.50
Samuel Brown,	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
J. S. Loomis,	.	.	.	.	.	28.00
Peter Ditto,	.	.	.	.	.	13.75
Jerry Shea,	.	.	.	.	.	40.25
O. W. Studley,	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
J. F. Twiss,	.	.	.	.	.	10.50
Daniel Graves,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
M. A. Sherman,	.	.	.	.	.	2.10
Horace Smith,	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
E. M. Bartlett,	.	.	.	.	.	5.00

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 \$136.10

## HIGH SCHOOL LOT.

C. L. Gardner,	.	.	.	.	.	\$900.00
J. M. Converse,	.	.	.	.	.	900.00

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 \$1,800.00

## MEMORIAL.

## Appropriation, \$5,000.

Edwin P. Ball, plan for building,	.	.	.	.	.	\$18.40
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## MEMORIAL DAY.

## Appropriation, \$100.

Geo. O. Henry,	.	.	.	.	.	\$100.00
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Appropriation, \$600.

F. L. Brooks, treasurer,	.	.	.	.	.	\$600.00
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## HISTORICAL AID.

## Appropriation, \$500.

## SOLDIER'S AID.

## Appropriation, \$300.

George O. Henry,	.	.	.	.	.	\$300.00
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## PROSECUTING ILLEGAL SALES OF LIQUOR.

Appropriation, \$1000.

William Merriam,	.	.	.	.	.	\$509.96
F. A. Bowen,	.	.	.	.	.	42.91
George F. Wright,	.	.	.	.	.	54.25
W. C. Greene,	.	.	.	.	.	392.88
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						\$1,000.00

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

E. G. Wood,	.	.	.	.	.	\$150.00
Palmer Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	6,942.88
Mrs. Rogers, road damage, West Brimfield,	.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Seventeen outstanding orders, Selectmen's,	.	.	.	.	.	244.79
Twenty-one outstanding orders, School Committee,	.	.	.	.	.	385.74
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						\$7,728.41

## DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1888.

Balance in treasury,	.	.	.	.	.	\$32.72
E. J. Wood, uncollected taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	569.95
Geo. W. Ely, " "	.	.	.	.	.	4,212.92
State aid,	.	.	.	.	.	549.00
State on account of paupers,	.	.	.	.	.	134.78
Wm. Miller, rent of pest house,	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
James Sharp, rent of school house lot,	.	.	.	.	.	5.00
Estate of Mrs. Chas. Hastings,	.	.	.	.	.	104.25
Support of Mrs. Bresnahan,	.	.	.	.	.	51.74
From City of Fitchburg,	.	.	.	.	.	26.43
City of Lowell,	.	.	.	.	.	100.33
Town of Leominster,	.	.	.	.	.	14.98
Town of Southbridge,	.	.	.	.	.	94.50
City of Holyoke,	.	.	.	.	.	74.97
Town of Belchertown,	.	.	.	.	.	13.57
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						\$6,005.14

## SEWER LICENSES.

Received from A. M. Billings,	.	.	.	.	\$25.00
" " Marcus Sullivan,	.	.	.	.	25.00



## SUMMARY.

Paid out for Support of Poor, (net),	.	.	.	\$5,199.14
Contingencies,	.	.	.	3,277.26
Highways,	.	.	.	3,792.31
Bridges,	.	.	.	1,655.16
Sewers and Culverts,	.	.	.	248.45
Railings,	.	.	.	235.25
New Roads,	.	.	.	319.36
Grading road at Three Rivers,	.	.	.	125.00
Breaking out roads,	.	.	.	136.10
Soldier's Aid,	.	.	.	300.00
Memorial Day,	.	.	.	100.00
Library,	.	.	.	600.00
Prosecuting illegal sales of liquor,	.	.	.	1,000.00
High School,	.	.	.	1,800.00
Memorial,	.	.	.	18.40
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				\$18,806.43

H. E. W. CLARK, } *Selectmen*  
D. F. HOLDEN, } *of*  
JOSEPH KERIGAN, } *Palmer.*

There is in Palmer Savings Bank \$530 to credit of Treasurer of the Town for support of Mrs. B. Bresnihan at Farm. Also \$100 to credit of Town Treasurer, the income to be used for care of Cemetery lot of Henry Scism.

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The Selectmen would recommend the following appropriations:

Support of Poor,	.	.	.	.	\$5,000.00
Contingencies,	.	.	.	.	3,000.00
Highways,	.	.	.	.	4,000.00
Sewers and Culverts,	.	.	.	.	500.00
Bridges (repairs),	.	.	.	.	1,500.00
Railings,	.	.	.	.	400.00

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# Young Men's Library Association.

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## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

Number of volumes in Library, March 1, 1887,	.	3,434
Number of volumes bought during the year,	.	169
Number of volumes donated to the Library,	.	63
Total,		<hr/> 3,676
Number of volumes loaned to readers, in fiction,	.	5,812
Number of volumes loaned to readers, in history, travels, etc.,		2,162
Total,		<hr/> 7,974

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Greene, agent at Thorn-dike, whereby residents there can leave cards at the office for such library books as they may desire, and the books will be drawn and returned for them, the same as is now done at Three Rivers. It is hoped that all who can will avail themselves of this privilege. Many of the schools in town are now using the historical and scientific books of the library as auxiliary studies, under the direction of their teachers, much to their advantage. Every effort in their power to enlarge the usefulness of the library in this direction will be put forth by the management.

O. P. ALLEN, *Librarian.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

Balance in treasury,	.	.	.	.	.	\$51.34
Fines and catalogues,	.	.	.	.	.	30.00

Membership fees, . . . . .	\$40.00
Town of Palmer, . . . . .	600.00
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	\$721.34

## CR.

Books, magazines and freight, . . .	\$260.42
Springfield Printing Co., rebinding, . .	33.70
H. L. Belden, rebinding, . . .	6.50
M. W. French, rent, . . .	75.00
W. C. Dewey, rent, . . .	25.00
A. J. Northrop, wood, . . .	14.00
George W. Ely, insurance, . . .	35.00
Miss May Robinson, assistant librarian, .	91.50
C. B. Fisk & Co., catalogues and cardboard,	37.25—\$578.37
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Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$142.97

F. L. BROOKS, *Treasurer.*

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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Your committee would respectfully report the condition of public schools and their progress for the past year, at the same time offering suggestions for the ensuing year.

The year has been a prosperous one; most of the schools have done good work, the interest has been well sustained, and the efforts of the teachers toward practical, every-day education been more marked.

Local epidemics have broken in upon the work of a few schools, causing a falling off in the average attendance, and of course retarding the progress of all connected with those schools; others have been "handicapped" by too frequent change of teachers. We believe it the best policy to retain the services of a good teacher as long as possible, and just as good to weed out the inefficient.

While we would not make any invidious comparisons, nor detract in the least from praise due other schools, we think it but just to call your attention to the work done in our High school; that work, done under such difficulties, is very gratifying to us, and we feel that with the same guidance under the new conditions, soon to obtain, all will be proud of school and building.

Your committee deem themselves fortunate in securing the services of a student from Wellesley as assistant, the increased number of pupils requiring increased help to continue thorough work.

The appropriation for transportation of pupils has been another factor in enlarging the usefulness of the school and heightening its

interest, bringing, as it does, pupils from the different schools to "cross blades" with new opponents. We confidently ask a renewal of the appropriation.

It was deemed best, owing to over-crowding of the lower grades, to establish another grade at Thorndike, and a competent teacher was placed in charge.

An improved system of drawing has been introduced, and Manikins have been placed in the higher schools for aid in the study of physiology. No changes have been made in the text books during the year.

Our schools have been visited by an agent of the State Board of Education, who thought our corps of teachers progressive, and that both schools and buildings were much improved since his last visit.

The shifting character of a large part of our population, and the placing of children in the manufacturing establishments of our villages, render it impossible to maintain the grade which is found where these drawbacks do not exist.

We would again urge upon the parents their duty toward the schools, assuring them that their visits would encourage both teacher and pupil, and materially aid in increasing their interest.

We most urgently recommend a special appropriation, or a larger one for repairs, for supplying the building at the Depot village with new steam-heating apparatus, as it has been impossible during the severe weather to heat some of the rooms sufficiently for either health or comfort.

The expenses have been kept within the appropriations and a balance left in the treasury, as will be seen by accompanying report.

The committee submits the following Financial Statement :

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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### SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

H. B. Knox,	.	.	.	\$1,200.00
Eva E. Kenerson,	.	.	.	168.75
Helen L. Cobb,	.	.	.	281.25
Julia W. Winchell,	.	.	.	110.00
Sadie Stanwood,	.	.	.	30.00—\$1,790.00

#### DEPOT.

Margaret A. Sullivan,	.	.	.	\$404.00
Ida A. Taft,	.	.	.	315.00
Minnie S. Burleigh,	.	.	.	315.00
Abbie J. Wallis,	.	.	.	315.00—\$1,349.00

#### THORNDIKE.

Charles F. Bosworth,	.	.	.	\$150.00
Louis E. Philbrick,	.	.	.	300.00
Jennie R. Williston,	.	.	.	315.00
Mary E. Murdock,	.	.	.	315.00
Florence N. Carter,	.	.	.	62.50
Mrs. Louis E. Philbrick,	.	.	.	143.75
Nellie H. Searle,	.	.	.	105.00
Florence N. Carter,	.	.	.	210.00
Effie E. Smith,	.	.	.	315.00—\$1,916.25

#### THREE RIVERS.

E. G. Ward,	.	.	.	\$540.00
Sarah E. Ward,	.	.	.	315.00
Helen L. Robinson,	.	.	.	315.00
Kate L. Webb,	.	.	.	315.00
Frances Beauregard,	.	.	.	315.00
Myra A. Bumstead,	.	.	.	140.00
Lottie M. Reed,	.	.	.	61.25
Lizzie M. Carrier,	.	.	.	113.75—\$2,115.00

## BOND'S VILLAGE.

H. M. Sedgwick, . . . .	\$150.00
Susan E. Marble, . . . .	137.50
Lena V. Wessel, . . . .	162.50
L. B. Ely, . . . .	315.00
Effie M. Herrick, . . . .	35.00
Emily M. Merritt, . . . .	70.00
Effie G. Pettigrew, . . . .	210.00
Laura T. Shumway, . . . .	105.00
Mary L. Lynde, . . . .	210.00—\$1,395.00

## UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Wire Mill, Harriet M. Blanchard, . .	\$270.00
Blanchardville, Alice L. Abbe, . .	270.00
Whiting District, Addie C. Hamilton, .	270.00
Center District, Bertha G. Randall, .	90.00
Center District, Addie L. Rogers, . .	180.00
Mason District, Cora E. Brown, . .	252.00
Shorley District, Nellie Mack, . .	252.00
Shaw District, Ernest Shaw, . .	252.00—\$1,836.00
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Total paid teachers, . . . .	\$10,401.25

## TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co., maps, etc., . . . .	\$236.79
Harrison Hume, text-books, . . . .	9.87
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., text-books, . . . .	8.40
Adams & Ingraham, supplies, . . . .	13.40
Thompson, Brown & Co., text books, . . . .	96.92
H. B. Knox, text-books, . . . .	4.30
Ginn & Co., text-books, . . . .	94.96
Warren P. Adams, text-books, . . . .	43.34
D. C. Heath & Co., text-books, . . . .	8.33
Harper Brothers, . . . .	161.14
Holden Book Cover Co., supplies, . . . .	13.75
William Ware & Co., text-books, . . . .	83.75
A. Lovell & Co., text-books, . . . .	10.00
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn, text-books, . . . .	4.17
Clark & Maynard, text-books, . . . .	28.50
Charles H. Whiting & Co., supplies, . . . .	28.34
James T. White & Co., physiological manikins, . .	60.00



Eimer & Amend, supplies,	\$11.15
A. S. Barnes & Co., text-books,	18.30
Sterns Paper Co., paper,	42.10
Williams & Rogers, text-books,	11.25
A. C. Stockin, text-books,	13.90
American Pad Co., paper,	18.28
C. B. Fisk & Co.,	.50
O. P. Allen, services and cash paid freight and express,	52.00

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\$1,073.64

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

C. E. Shumway, from Bond's Village,	\$330.80
L. E. Ferry, use of stable,	6.00
H. C. Sanger for John A. King,	12.25
James Lyons for Edward C. Lyons,	23.80
C. W. Hanson for H. M. Hanson,	23.80
B. F. Clarke for Cora B. Clarke,	23.80
George D. Whiting for C. Belle Whiting,	23.98
Nathaniel Talmadge for Lulu T. Talmadge,	23.80
E. M. Bartlett for Leon Bartlett,	14.50
C. F. Smith for Mabel E. Smith and N. S. Smith,	57.80
A. R. Smith for Clara J. Smith,	35.80
Cornelius Sullivan for J. C. Sullivan,	23.40
George W. Winchell for Julia M. Winchell,	30.30
Patrick Crowley for Jerry Crowley,	14.00
Hiram E. W. Clark for Geneva F. Clarke,	15.00
Mrs. Andrew Ramsden for George Ramsden,	23.64
Joseph Kerigan for Wm. B. Kerigan and H. J. Kerigan,	55.05
S. S. Carter for S. S. Carter,	15.00
W. W. Thayer for Beulah S. Thayer,	15.00
D. F. Sullivan for W. D. Sullivan,	15.00
J. D. McFarland for Mary E. McFarland,	15.00
Harry T. Bishop for W. P. Bishop,	15.00
George A. Murdock for Maud J. Murdock,	9.16
A. B. C. Deming for Emma F. Deming,	15.00
C. F. Nickerson for Rosa S. Nickerson,	17.75
Henry Graves for S. A. Graves,	21.75
Michael Connor for Annie E. Connor,	3.50
W. C. Greene, mileage ticket,	20.00

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\$899.88



## FUEL.

Andrew J. Northrop, wood, Depot, . . .	\$8.63
Horace C. Smith, wood, Center, . . .	24.75
Albert C. Fleury, wood, Three Rivers, . . .	4.00
A. L. Haynes, wood, Three Rivers, . . .	14.00
Jerry Shea, coal, Bond's Village, . . .	13.00
Ruth Naylor, wood, Center, . . .	1.00
Thorndike Co., Thorndike, . . .	12.25
T. D. Potter & Co., coal, Bond's Village, . . .	49.10
John Kinnevan, wood, Mason, . . .	16.50
J. F. Holbrook, coal, . . .	502.99
Nathan W. Bond, wood, Bond's Village, . . .	5.00
Brian O'Rourke, wood, Blanchardville, . . .	16.00
Dennis Mahoney, wood, Shorley, . . .	14.00
James O. Hamilton, wood, Whiting, . . .	24.00
Eugene Shorley, wood, Shorley, . . .	11.00
George A. Smith, wood, Center, . . .	8.50
Charles S. Ruggles, wood, Three Rivers, . . .	1.20
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	\$725.92

## CARE OF HOUSES.

Nelson Whiton, janitor, Depot, . . .	\$200.00
D. G. Reilly, janitor, Thorndike, . . .	20.00
Charles F. Bosworth, janitor, Thorndike, . . .	23.00
Louis E. Philbrick, janitor, Thorndike, . . .	24.00
Henry J. Dill, janitor, Thorndike, . . .	26.00
Patrick Lynde, janitor, Thorndike, . . .	20.00
H. N. Sedgwick, janitor, Bond's Village, . . .	20.00
M. A. B. Proctor, janitor, Bond's Village, . . .	39.99
Charles S. Ruggles, janitor, Three Rivers, . . .	150.00
Ernest Shaw, janitor, Shaw District, . . .	10.00
Ruth Naylor, janitor, Center District, . . .	15.00
Nellie O'Rourke, janitor, Mason District, . . .	5.00
M. A. Sherman, janitor, Mason District, . . .	10.00
Bertha Shaw, janitor, Blanchardville, . . .	5.00
John E. Hancock, janitor, Blanchardville, . . .	5.00
Mary Cashman, janitor, Blanchardville, . . .	5.00
H. M. Blanchard, janitor, Wire Mill District, . . .	10.00
Ralph Baker, janitor, Wire Mill District, . . .	4.00

P. J. Mahoney, janitor, Shorley District,	.	.	\$10.00
E. E. Keith, janitor, Whiting, 1886,	.	.	10.50
E. E. Keith, janitor, Whiting, 1887,	.	.	15.00
J. R. Madison, cleaning, Depot,	.	.	1.50
D. G. Reilly, cleaning, Thorndike,	.	.	12.00
S. S. Taft, cleaning, Depot,	.	.	3.80
W. C. Greene, cleaning, Thorndike,	.	.	4.87

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\$650.66

## CONTINGENCIES.

Charles S. Smith, taking census,	.	.	\$50.00
T. D. Potter, adm. Chas. Shaw,	.	.	1.25
O. D. Case & Co., desks, High School,	.	.	65.00
C. A. Brown & Co., stoves, etc.,	.	.	37.82
H. G. Loomis, chairs, etc.,	.	.	36.30
Brooks Brothers, hardware and paint,	.	.	14.61
C. B. Fisk & Co., printing,	.	.	6.75
Taft & Kenefick, insurance,	.	.	141.76
Palmer Water Co., Depot,	.	.	18.00
Town of Wilbraham, tuition,	.	.	59.50
J. H. Haynes, watering pot and elbow,	.	.	1.95
F. D. Barton, clock and repairs,	.	.	5.50
S. S. Taft, postage and expenses,	.	.	6.95
T. D. Potter, plank,	.	.	1.22
E. L. Derby, truant officer,	.	.	9.75
Mary A. B. Proctor, sundries,	.	.	4.25
Hubbard Lawrence, brooms,	.	.	3.65
Chas. S. Ruggles, sundries,	.	.	5.05
A. M. Butterfield, brooms and pails,	.	.	2.86

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\$472.16

## REPAIRS.

C. F. Elmer, Shorley,	.	.	\$3.00
George D. Whiting, Whiting,	.	.	9.64
Ruth Naylor, Center,	.	.	1.75
Ernest Shaw, Shaw,	.	.	8.95
F. F. Marcy, Depot, Wire Mill, Blanchard, and Mason,	.	.	108.97
H. A. Smith, Bond's Village,	.	.	5.50
Eugene Shorley, Shorley,	.	.	30.00
A. M. Bond, Bond's Village and Thorndike,	.	.	17.80

Mary A. B. Proctor, Bond's Village,	.	.	.	.	\$9.50
Henry J. Dill, Thorndike,	.	.	.	.	23.50
E. C. Sexton, Depot,	.	.	.	.	45.00
Charles S. Ruggles, Three Rivers,	.	.	.	.	19.15
Wilbur H. Holdridge Bond's Village,	.	.	.	.	1.75
John F. Hanifin, Bond's Village,	.	.	.	.	2.00
John W. Loftus, Thorndike,	.	.	.	.	54.33
Boston School Supply Co., Thorndike,	.	.	.	.	5.00
George A. King, Center,	.	.	.	.	2.07
M. J. Dillon, Mason,	.	.	.	.	14.50

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 \$362.41

## SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

William C. Greene,	.	.	.	.	\$100.00
Homer A. Smith,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Thomas J. Sullivan,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Stephen S. Taft,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Silas Ruggles,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Mary A. B. Proctor,	.	.	.	.	100.00

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 \$600.00

## RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries,	.	.	.	.	\$10,401.25
Text-books and supplies,	.	.	.	.	1,073.64
Transportation to High School,	.	.	.	.	899.88
Fuel,	.	.	.	.	725.92
Care of houses,	.	.	.	.	657.86
Contingencies,	.	.	.	.	472.18
Repairs,	.	.	.	.	362.41
Salaries of School Committee,	.	.	.	.	600.00

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 Total amount expended, \$15,185.94

## AMOUNT APPROPRIATED AND AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Salaries of teachers,	.	.	.	.	\$10,500.00
Fuel,	.	.	.	.	800.00
Care of houses,	.	.	.	.	600.00
Text-books and supplies,	.	.	.	.	800.00
Contingencies,	.	.	.	.	700.00
Salaries of School Committee,	.	.	.	.	600.00

Repairs, . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Transportation, . . . . .	600.00
Massachusetts school fund, . . . . .	228.82
Merrick fund, . . . . .	34.34
Dog fund, . . . . .	432.79
Tuition, . . . . .	7.00
Insurance Mason school house, . . . . .	15.00
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	\$16,317.95
Amount expended, . . . . .	\$15,185.94
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Balance unexpended, . . . . .	\$1,132.01

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Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Salaries of teachers, . . . . .	\$10,800.00
Text-books and supplies, . . . . .	1,000.00
Transportation to High School, . . . . .	1,000.00
Fuel, . . . . .	800.00
Care of houses, . . . . .	700.00
Contingencies, . . . . .	700.00
Repairs, including Steam Heating at Depot, . . . . .	2,000.00
Salaries of Committee, . . . . .	600.00
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	\$16,600.00

H. A. SMITH,	} <i>School Committee of Palmer.</i>
SILAS RUGGLES,	
THOS. J. SULLIVAN,	
W. C. GREENE,	
MARY A. B. PROCTOR,	
S. S. TAFT,	



# TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Average Membership and Attendance, 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month.	Average Membership for the year.	Average Attendance for the year.	Enrolled No.
High,	H. B. Knox,	49	49	49	75	75	76	74	72	72	72	73 7	70 3	55
	Miss E. E. Kenerson, " Helen L. Cobb, " J. A. Winchell, " Sadie Stanwood,	47	46 5	46	73 5	72 5	73	68	67 5	69	99 5			
Palmer Grammar,	Margaret A. Sullivan,	56	54	54	54	53	53	45	45	45		51	46 8	58
Palmer Intermediate,	Ida A. Taft,	52 5	47 2	48 5	52 5	48	52	44	35 8	41			44	61
Second Primary,	Minnie S. Burleigh,	45 45	46 45	42 4	51 25	50 8	35 4	41 8	42 7	50 8		45 2	44	
	Abbie J. Wallis,	42 8	42 4	39 65	47 85	32 55	32 55	38 5	39	46 45		42 1	28	45
First Primary,	Chas. F. Bosworth,	39	43	41	43	43	43	46	41	40		51 8	47 4	71
	Louis E. Philbrick,	36	38	36	42	41	42	42	29	36		32 8	29 7	39
Thorndike Grammar,	Effie E. Smith,	53	59	58	50	52	50	50	47	47		34 2	29 3	48
Second Intermediate,	Jennie R. Williston,	51	53	53 4	47 9	49 5	47	47	35	43		32 2	29	42
	Mrs. L. E. Philbrick,	31 05	29 8	31 5	31 5	30	30	38	35 5	32 14		26 3	24 4	26
Third Primary,	Nellie H. Searle,	27 57	24 45	25 37	29 8	27 8	27 6	37 02	37	35		32 6	30 1	52
Second Primary,	Florence N. Carter,	38	34	31	33	33	33	36	37	35		45 3	41 6	75
First Primary,	Mary E. Murdock,	32 8	27 2	22 8	28	28	25	25	28 25	29		22	20 7	34
Three Rivers Grammar,	F. G. Ward,	38 85	37 35	31 5	34	36 05	35	35	28 25	29 44				
		35 4	32 75	22 5	27 5	27	26 66	27 75	27 25	29 44				
		25	22 45	20 85	26	24 8	23 35	26 12	24 6	26 92				
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		28	28	25 5	33 25	36 75	39	37 25	43	33				
		27	26 2	23 5	31 12	34 9	35 76	33 6	28 27	31				
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		39 15	42 65	39 9	38 7	39 95	43 2	43 9	41 3	46 52				
		18 45	18 85	18	24 95	24	24 33	23 85	23 9	21 84				
		17 7	18 5	16 9	23 75	22 93	23 16	21 97	22 12	19 54				



TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS---Continued.

Myra A. Bumstead, Lottie M. Reed, Lizzie M. Carrier, Helen L. Robinson, Kate L. Webb, Sarah E. Ward, Francis Beauregard, H. M. Sedgwick, Susan E. Marble, Lena V. Wessie, Mrs. L. B. Ely, Laura T. Shumway, Emma G. Pettigrew, Effie M. Herrick, Emily M. Merritt, Mary L. Lynde, Hattie M. Blanchard, Bertha G. Randall, Addie S. Rogers, Alice L. Abbe, Addie C. Hamilton, Ernest F. Shaw, Cora E. Brown, Nellie Mack,	25 37 23 75 20 6 23 67 21 3 18 2 34 8 37 35 36 5 32 3 33 95 32 35 37 63 35 78 23 42 6 41 7 38 5 40 85 38 6 34 65 41 58 52 40 40 56 5 43 2 37 23 12 11 29 17 12 11 27 5 25 21 75 18 25 34 23 85 20 75 17 25 32 5 40 2 43 8 44 29 65 36 65 38 38 2 39 6 40 4 28 9 33 95 34 3 37 5 51 9 58 47 45 53 4 56 5 42 7 45 15 41 31 9 46 1 45 9 44 1 46 3 52 45 31 45 34 35 35 30 33 28 34 38 38 32 39 36 32 3 29 32 5 27 5 36 5 29 5 36 32 3 25 24 18 22 23 5 28 30 25 5 23 23 17 13 21 1 21 26 27 19 20 5 22 26 28 30 27 27 23 8 19 3 20 8 21 8 25 24 21 1 20 6 11 4 5 4 13 6 14 25 14 13 11 75 15 15 5 14 12 25 13 75 12 6 11 78 10 4 13 58 14 53 10 45 10 75 9 9 8 35 8 25 9 5 8 65 8 9 9 1 7 5 4 7 25 6 75 7 7 7 25 8 8 9 75 9 75 6 25 6 15 6 8 6 45 5 6 7 75 7 75 8 25 7 25 7 1 15 10 11 5 14 7 10 5 12 7 15 6 65 6 15 5 41 6 55 10 1 11 45 8 5 8 75	31 27 9 42 33 9 30 6 49 27 6 25 4 56 37 9 34 5 50 41 1 45 4 120 23 7 21 4 24 29 1 27 2 29 37 5 34 4 54 48 2 41 4 96 34 2 32 39 24 4 20 8 30 24 3 18 8 32 14 12 2 20 9 5 8 1 11 7 9 7 1 15 10 2 8 2 11
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Number of children in town, May 1st, 1887, as shown by school census, between the ages of five and fifteen, . . .	1210
Between eight and fifteen. . . . .	814
Number enrolled on school registers. . . . .	1284
Average membership. . . . .	929.7
Average attendance. . . . .	836.7

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

PALMER, Mass., March 10, 1888.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and Treasurer of the Town of Palmer, and find them correct in every particular, also that the money received by the Treasurer from the Collector agrees with the Collector's statement.

SAMUEL H. HELLYAR.	} <i>Auditors.</i>
H. T. BISHOP.	



